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TRANSPORTATION CONGRESS IN BUDAPEST

/Comment: The First International Congress for Transportation took place in Budapest on 15 - 20 November 1952.

Press reports of the congress available in CIA, which discuss the first two sessions only, were very short and appeared in two newspapers only. Information from these reports follows.

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.7

Congress to Be Held Between 15 and 20 November 1952

The First International Congress for Transportation will be held in Budapest between 15 and 20 November, 1952. Lectures will be given by outstanding Hungarian experts. The participants will also inspect the mechanized switches on the Budapest-Cegled railroad line.(1)

First Day of Congress

The First International Congress for Transportation began its proceedings at the Academy of Sciences on 15 November. The participants included a Rumanian committee of four members under the leadership of Theodor Blumenfeld, Rumanian Deputy Minister of Transportation; a committee of two members from the German Democratic Republic; Jozsef Prieszol, First Deputy Minister of Transportation of Hungary; Gyorgy Csanadi, general manager of the Hungarian State Railroads; and Imre Bognar, chief of the Railroad Policy Department of the Hungarian State Railroads.

The proceedings were opened by Gyozo Mihailics, Kossuth-Prize-winning academician. Subsequently, Academician Gyula Hevesi greeted the congress, and Jozsef Prieszol outlined its program. Prieszol said that the congress had been called because the development of Hungarian transportation and the building industry presents problems which require scientific investigation.

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The congress was then addressed by Theodor Blumenfeld and Hans Grune in the name of the Rumanian and German guests, respectively. Finally, Gyorgy Csanadi gave a lecture on the mechanization of the building and maintenance of roads.(2)

Second Day of Congress

In the course of the session held on 16 November, Arpad Somkuti, deputy general manager of the Hungarian State Railroads, gave a lecture on the utilization of Soviet experiences in the mechanization of track maintenance on the Hungarian State Railroads. According to Somkuti, the Hungarian State Railroads have made certain progress in this field and are using equipment which detects hidden faults and cracks in the rails.

Jeno Jaray, chief of the Soil Research Department of the Investment Enterprise for the Budapest Subway, lectured on the mechanization of foundation work for road surfaces.

Third Day of Congress

On 17 November, Bela Gosztonyi gave a lecture on the mechanization of switching on the Hungarian State Railroads.

In the separate session of the Highway Committee of the congress, Laszlo Meszaros-Komaromy discussed in detail the various types of machines required for the modernization of highways, and Gyorgy Sarkozi, chief engineer of Betonutepito Vallalat (Enterprise for the Building of Concrete Roads), gave a report on the building of concrete roads.(3)

SOURCES

1. Magyar Nemzet, 5 Nov 52

2. Ibid., 16 Nov 52 and Nepszava, 16 Nov 52

3. Magyar Nemzet, 18 Nov 52

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